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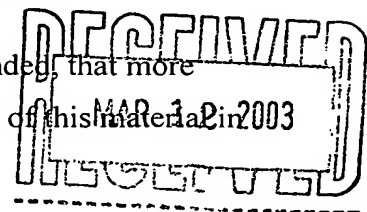
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- (1) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 03-256087 (FUJITSU LTD), published November 14, 1991;
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- (3) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 02-161477(CANON INC), published June 21, 1990;
- (4) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 62-111800 (DAINIPPON PRINTING CO LTD), published May 22, 1987;
- (5) Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 05-219353 (CANON INC), published August 27, 1993;
- (6) Negishi, U.S. Patent No. 6,166,750, issued December 26, 2000 (this U.S. patent is the counterpart of document (5)); and
- (7) Funada et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,257,119, issued October 26, 1993. (this U.S. patent is the counterpart of Japanese Published Unexamined Patent Application No. (A) 03-160560 and is not being furnished herewith since the reference was included in Applicants' Supplemental Information Statement mailed on October 14, 2002, and received by the Patent and Trademark Office on October 21, 2002).

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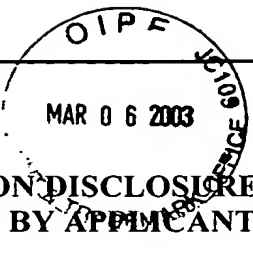
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